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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION CONTINUING CONFUSION IN EAST
TIMOR - TOKYO

LEAD STORIES: Thursday morning's conservative Sankei gave top play to a report suggesting that the US and Japan are on heightened alert regarding North Korea's possible launch of a Taepodong-2 long-range ballistic missile.

¶1. "Prime Minister Alkatiri Has No Intention of Resigning" Dili correspondent Hanada of the top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri reported (6/1): "Embattled East Timorese Prime Minister Alkatiri stated Wednesday during an interview that he would not meet rising calls for his resignation, saying that while stepping down would be easy, he has a responsibility to stabilize the country. Given that Alkatiri's resignation had been considered key to restoring law and order, his announcement that he will stay on as prime minister makes it more likely that the unrest will become protracted.... UN Secretary General Annan expressed regret over the complete withdrawal of a UN peacekeeping force in 2005, while Australian Prime Minister Howard attributed the unrest to the 'hasty independence' of East Timor.... Rebel forces will likely become more radical if Alkatiri continues to turn a deaf ear to calls for his resignation. With the prime minister trying to hold onto power until presidential and parliamentary elections in mid-2007, protracted unrest is becoming more likely. It is believed that President Gusmao holds the key to stabilizing the country by taking the initiative in persuading Alkatiri to resign."

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